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Summer is in full swing and the mercury has definitely been on the rise here in Houston. My dogs' potty breaks are much shorter and they now beg for ice more than they do for treats.

The heat poses many dangers for pets. To learn how to keep your dog safe, and for great summertime care tips, flip to page 18.

This issue marks our 6th year in publication! We are so blessed to have the support from our sponsors, contributors and readers. We promise that, as we continue our journey, to provide informative and educational resources for pet owners. We love what we do and we are passionate about the welfare of animals.

Our cover dog, Paprika is an adorable and spunky girl who is available through Boston Terrier Rescue Group of Greater Houston. To read about her and other dogs available for adoption through BTRGH, turn to page 24.

Check out the fabulous summer pet products featured on page 14. One lucky winner will receive a complete gift set from Gerrard Larriett. You don't want to miss out!

Be sure to visit our website for up-to-date information and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for special events and contests.

We hope that you and your canine companions have a fun-filled and safe summer!

Jennifer Kitchens-Street

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July 2012 Events

For a full listing of events, visit:
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JULY 4
Barrio Dogs Freedom For All March
9:00 a.m. at Hidalgo Park, 7000 Avenue Q. See ad on page 21 for more information.

JULY 7
Red, White & Golden Celebration
4:00 - 10:00 p.m. at Blanco's Bar & Grill, 3406 West Alabama (near Buffalo Speedway). BBQ dinner, drinks, music to benefit the golden retrievers. For more information, visit www.grrh.org.

JULY 8
All Border Collie Rescue Adoption Event
Petco in The Woodlands from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.. For more information, visit www.allbordercollierescue.com

JULY 9-13
Companion Camp
This is an opportunity for children ages 7-13 to work hands-on with the animals cared for by the Houston Humane Society. Campers can register online at www.houstonhumane.org.

JULY 18-22
35th Annual Reliant Park World Series of Dog Shows
Houston's must-see dog event! This premier canine event attracts more than 40,000 spectators, participants and vendors. Adult admission is $10 per day at the door or via Ticketmaster. Tickets for senior citizens are $5 and children 12 or younger are $1 with adult. Visit www.reliantdogshows.com.

JULY 22
Canine Glamour Shots Fundraiser
Pet and family photos by Peter Gregory Photography benefiting Dakota Rescue. 2155 FM 1960 West. 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins are welcome. Package price is $19.99 and includes: 1 8x10, 1 5x7, 8 wallets. For more information, visit www.dakotarescue.org.

SAVE THE DATE
Bowling for Beagles, August 18, benefiting Houston Beagle and Hound Rescue.

SAVE THE DATE
National Dog Day, August 26. For more information, visit www.nationaldogday.com.

NEARLY 5,000 SERVICE ANIMALS RECEIVED FREE EYE EXAMS DURING THE 5th ANNUAL ACVO/MERIAL NATIONAL SERVICE DOG EYE EXAM EVENT

The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) today announced a consecutive year of record breaking results from the 5th Annual ACVO/Merial National Service Dog Eye Exam Event. With the help of 250 volunteer board certified veterinary ophthalmologists throughout the U.S., as well as Canada, Puerto Rico and Australia, nearly 5,000 service animals were examined during the event. This is an increase of more than 20% from last year. Guide dogs, handicapped assistance dogs, detection dogs, search and rescue dogs and other service animals including horses and a donkey received free sight saving exams.

The goals of the annual ACVO/Merial National Service Dog Eye Exam Event are: to benefit individuals and society who rely on Service Dogs, strengthen referral relationships between veterinary ophthalmologists and general practice veterinarians, to gather data relative to work performance for future work recommendations and to preserve the sight of those animals who serve us selflessly.

Registration for the event takes place online, during April of each year. The eye exams take place in May at locations throughout the U.S. and other places outside the country. To qualify, animals must be active "working animals" that were certified by a formal training program or organization or currently enrolled in a formal training program. To learn more about the ACVO/Merial National Service Dog Eye Exam Event, please visit www.ACVOeyeexam.org

PROGRESS BEING MADE TO HELP STOP ANIMAL CRUELTY IN CROSBY, TEXAS

After a grueling year of working to stop animal dumping at the Crosby Puppy Massacre and dumping sites – where animals are not only being dumped, but tortured and killed – progress is being made. But, your help is needed now more than ever. Stop the Crosby Puppy Massacres has recently installed a billboard near the massacre and dumping areas (Business 90 near Sheldon Road) which advertises their web site. This web site (www.crosbypuppymassacre.wordpress.com) includes a new "resources" tab which they believe will help save hundreds of animals from neglect and cruelty in the greater Houston area, including low cost spay and neuter programs, how to report animal cruelty including roadside sales and dumping, how to get help for a sick animal, and how to work with rescue groups as a foster to save lives.

The group has raised enough money through previous ad donations for the first and last months rent of a 6 month contract. They need to raise $1,800 to cover the 4 months in between ($450 per month). They are asking anyone who can to donate, either to the chip in on their web site– www.crosbypuppymassacre.wordpress.com (no amount is too small) or to call in donations

directly (if they are $225 or more) to Sign Ad at 713-861-6013 and speak to Angie.

NEW INTERNET PET RADIO SHOW LAUNCHES

Pet Radio Show, a live and recorded Internet radio show launched June 23, 2012. The sixty minute weekly show features writers, authors, animal trainers, entrepreneurs, veterinarians, animal welfare professionals, and other pet experts. The subject matter reaches a broader scope than the typical mainstream to include uncommon pets and alternative healthcare in a format enjoyable for the whole family. "We are covering everything from cats and dogs to pot belly pigs and sugar gliders", explains Robert Paul Hudson, creator of Pet Radio Show.

This internet radio show will focus on a variety of issues including general education, proper care, diet, rescue and well-being, but will also include stories such as holistic medical care and natural diets. Upcoming guests include writers from major pet magazines such as Cat Fancy and Bird Talk, as well as authors and other professionals.

For show schedules and where to listen, visit www.petradioshow.com.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Urban Paws magazine would like to offer its condolences to the family of Dr. Karen Gunn, of the Veterinary Medical Center of Spring, who died tragically on May 28, 2012.

Dr. Gunn was a well respected veterinarian who donated her time and expertise to local rescue organizations.

SHEBA HAS BEEN WAITING THREE YEARS TO FIND HER NEW FAMILY

Sheba is an energetic, six-year-old boxer/terrier mix who is available for adoption. Her owner passed away and left Sheba and her litter mates. All of her mates were adopted and Sheba has been waiting three years for her perfect family She is up-to-date on all vaccinations, spayed, and is on heartworm and flea prevention. She weighs 45 pounds.

We hear that Sheba LOVES tummy rubs, cuddling and lots of attention! She also enjoys kiddie pool time, expending energy on long walks and running around the backyard.

She doesn't always get along with other females, but would enjoy a nice, young male dog that likes to rough and tumble.

If you are interested in adopting Sheba, please contact Mayde Creek Animal Health Center for more information at 281.578.5449.

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GRASS-ROOTS EFFORT GIVES HOUSTON RESTAURANTS AND BARS OPTION TO ALLOW DOGS ON OUTDOOR PATIOS

If you're looking for a pet-friendly patio in Houston this summer, here is the most recent list of dog approved patios in the city.

Paws on Patios is a grass-roots movement dedicated to giving Houston restaurants and bars the option to allow dogs on outdoor patios. As a result of this movement's success, restaurants may now apply for a dogs-on-patios permit through the City of Houston's Department of Health and Human Services. The number of restaurants where dogs are now permitted on their patios continues to grow.

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The Grove - 1611 Lamar (inside Discovery Green)
The Lake House - 1500 McKinney (inside Discovery Green)
Barnaby's Cafe - 5750 Woodway
UP Bistro - 4001 Westheimer
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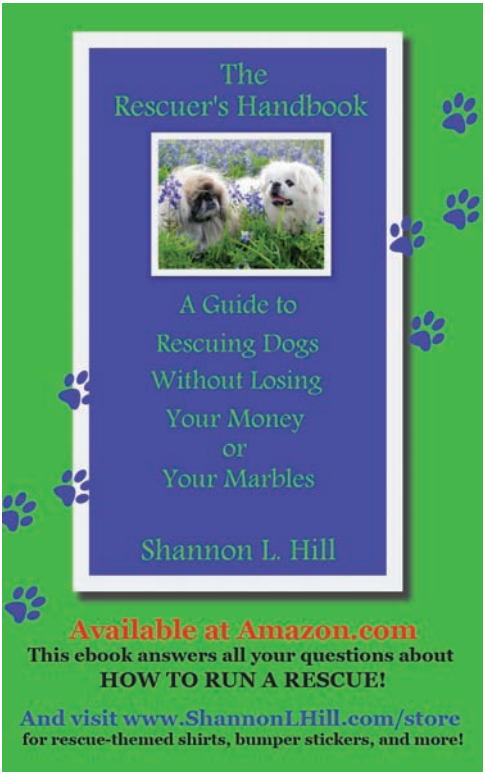
For more information on the initiative, visit the Paws on Patios Facebook page.



GETTING TO KNOW

COMMON BULLY BREEDS

Bull Terrier

You may be surprised to know that some of America's favorite dogs are considered bullies. For instance, the Boston Terrier and the French Bulldog are both in the bully breed family.

American Staffordshire Terrier

There are a variety of dogs, from large to small, that fall into the category of "bully breeds." Many of these dogs have a bad rap for being dangerous and aggressive, such as the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier and American Pit Bull Terrier. The fact is, these dogs actually make very loyal and loving pets. You may be asking how these dogs were labeled with the title "bully breed."

It's no wonder that many people believe that these breeds are a danger to society. The term "bully" invokes a sense of intimidation. However, the term actually has to do with their origin and history, not the dogs' temperament or behavior. Bully breeds come from the Molosser, a breed that originated in ancient Greece. These were big dogs with large bones and muscles, pendant ears and short muzzles. Though originally bred to protect property and livestock, some owners began to use the dogs for other purposes. In England, during the 19th century, they were used in blood sports and it's believed that this is where Molosser descendents first gained the title of "bully breeds."

British government established laws outlawing blood sports at the turn of the 20th century. As immigrants traveled to the United States, they brought the bully breeds with them. These dogs began serving in various roles, once in America. During World War I, a pit bull named Stubby

French Bulldog

Boston Terrier

became the first American war dog when he served with a platoon in Germany. He saved countless lives and became a decorated war hero upon his return to the U.S. This example of the bully breed's loyalty and courage helped raise their status to beloved household pets. Popularity of the bully breeds began to grow and by the 1950s, they were considered America's dog.

When properly cared for, bully breeds are normally gentle dogs and possess qualities that make them suitable for active people with a lot of time and attention to give. This may come as a surprise, but bully breeds are excellent with children, as they are social and very loyal to their owners. As with any dog, bullies should be supervised while around strangers, children or other animals. Many bully breed lovers are dedicated to restoring their image and proving that they deserve to be recognized among America's favorite dogs once again.

American Bulldog

Boxer

Pet Travel Tips

With temperatures already soaring over 100 degrees, Houstonians are heading to the lake, the beach, or just about anywhere to get away from the heat! Many travelers don't plan a vacation without man's best friend, so it's a great time for reminders about keeping pets safe while on the road.

• Don't allow your pet to ride with its head outside the window even though some dogs seem to love doing it. The dangers are many, from inner ear damage to injuries from flying debris.

• Keep animals secured in the car inside a ventilated animal crate or in a pet safety harness or car seat; in the event of an accident, if your pet isn't secure, it will become a dangerous projectile.

• Bring your own water in plastic containers. This is preferable to relying on water fountains and other unreliable sources along the way.

• Avoid feeding pets in a moving vehicle. Instead feed them light meals three or so hours before hitting the road, or if necessary, when stopped along the route.

• Never leave your pet in a parked car. Even when it doesn't seem so hot outside the temperature inside a car can quickly rise past 100 degrees. Contrary to common assumptions, opening windows a bit for ventilation doesn't help and leaving a pet unattended in a car can become dangerous even if it's only for a few minutes.

PROJECT H.E.E.L.

Corridor Rescue and Harris County Juvenile Probation Department have partnered to implement Project H.E.E.L. (Helping Empower Everyone's Lives), an animal-assisted violence intervention program. The purpose of the program is to be a motivating force for life transformations and inspiration for our youth and their families.

This program takes a troubled young man and an abandoned dog and meshes their worlds together; creating the perfect bond. The young men in Project H.E.E.L. are learning lifelong lessons such as Responsibility, Patience, Respect, Teamwork, Hope and Love.

Project H.E.E.L., an eight week series program, placing an intense emphasis on promoting self-discipline and responsibility; encourage compassion, empathy, companionship, trust, and forgiveness; proper pet care and obedience skills. Boys who are selected for this project must meet a list of criteria such as no history of animal cruelty, must be in compliance of probation standards, and must be a level 2 or 3 in Personal Accountability Plan/Behavior Modification Program.

Project H.E.E.L. influences the human-animal connection to help impart positive character development. It is a collaboration between the Harris County Leadership Academy staff, Corridor Rescue volunteers, services provided by Kingsland Veterinarian Clinic staff, and Michael Baugh of Professional trainer of Rover Oaks.

Upon completion of the program, the Corridor Rescue dogs are available for adoption and placed in their caring "fur-ever" homes.

To inquire about the H.E.E.L. program contact Gina Vitale at projectheel@corridorrescue.org.

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Dog Park at Burroughs Park Grand Opening

Dog owners and their four-legged friends lined up to be the first to experience the newest dog park in Northwest Houston. Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner, R. Jack Cagle and Tomball's mayor attended the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Burroughs Park, a 320 acre park, includes a fishing lake, playgrounds, sports fields, more than 8 miles of paved and primitive nature trails, picnic areas, jogging trail, an observation deck and boardwalk, a very large barbecue pavillion, maze, and now an off-leash dog park.

County Commissioner R. Jack Cagle does the ribbon cutting

Dogs and their owners visited vendor booths and rescue groups

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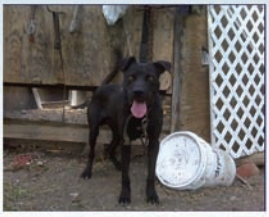
Everyone is welcome to take a step towards animal awareness in the community.



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Summertime Care & Safety Tips for Your Dog

By Bob Williams,
Bark Busters Home Dog Training

Summertime can be fun for both you and your dog, but pet owners need to take precautions to keep their canine companions happy, cool and safe during the dogs days of summer.

Beat the Heat

Remember that a parked car can become dangerously hot in only a few minutes. Dogs are not efficient at cooling themselves. They cannot perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. Panting and drinking water helps to cool them, but if they only have overheated air to breathe in a parked car, a dog can suffer brain and organ damage in just 15 minutes.

Your light colored dog's coat can invite damage from the sun's ultraviolet rays, leading to sunburn and possible skin cancer. If you dog is light colored and/or lacks black pigment around the eyes, ears and nose, keep him out of the bright sun. Ask you veterinarian about sun block for dogs.

Waterproof Your Dog

Many dogs enjoy swimming, no matter how clean or dirty the water. If you dog has had a dip in a lake or river, rinse him off to avoid ear mites, eye infections and pesky insects which can imbed themselves in his fur.

If your dog loves to jump into your swimming pool, make sure that he knows how to get out safely. When a dog falls into a lake or river, his instinct tells him to turn around and get out from the point at which he fell in. However, in a suburban swimming pool, a dog may drown if he follows his instinct action. Teach your dog where and how to get out of the pool, regardless of where he entered.

Not all dogs like or know how to swim. If your dog appears eager to give it a try, let him get used to it gradually. Refrain from throwing a nervous, inexperienced swimmer into the water.

Rules of the Road

An unrestrained dog in a vehicle is dangerous to everyone in the car, including the dog himself. Secure your dog in the back seat with a safety harness or in a pet carrier fastened to a seatbelt. Another option is to install a pet barrier to keep

your dog in the back area of your vehicle. Dogs riding in the front can be seriously injured if the airbags deploy.

Although it's not recommended, if you must transport your dog in the bed of a pickup truck, be sure that he is restrained, preferably in a crate or carrier that is secured to the truck.

Avoid allowing your dog to hang his head out of the car window. He could suffer an eye injury from flying debris.

When stopping the car along the way, attach a leash to your dog's collar before opening the door so that he can't escape. Use a leash to walk your dog.

Fear of Thunderstorms

Fear of thunderstorms is common in dogs. Many dogs can sense a storm coming from the rapidly falling barometric pressure and may show signs of anxiety even before the storm can be heard.

Dogs can sense fear or discomfort from people so it's important that you develop a calm attitude toward storms. Let your dog stay close and try to distract or play with him. Do not offer comfort in a sympathetic voice; this will sound like praise and increase nervousness and confusion.

Keep windows and curtains closed to reduce noise and bright flashes. Turn on a TV or radio at normal volume for distraction and to help him relax.

Provide your dog with a safe place to be during storms, whether inside or out. Create a special den-like area in your home where your dog can feel safe and secure. If a storm is brewing, lead your dog to his special place to help him feel calm and protected. If you cannot bring your dog inside, cover his dog house with a blanket to offer some protection from the bursts of lightning and thunder.

Dogs that continue to panic when a storm approaches may have to be reconditioned by creating an artificial storm with environmental recordings. While reconditioning can be a time consuming process, it can yield a high success rate. A qualified dog behavioral therapist can help your dog become calmer during thunderstorms. In some cases, medication may be the best solution to help your dog cope with his fear of storms. Consult with your veterinarian about possible treatments in conjunction with training.

By taking these precautions, you and your dog can enjoy a healther, fun-filler summer.

This information is brought to you by Bark Busters Home Dog Training. For more information, contact your local dog behavioral therapist at 877.500.BARK or by visiting www.barkbusters.com.

16 Signs of Animal Aging

By Darlene Frudakis, *Owner, PetAg.com*
Photo by William Doran

It's always difficult to see our once energetic, cheerful pets slowing down and becoming less playful than they used to be. However, just as people get older and show different signs and symptoms of aging, our pets do also.

Whether they are slowing down their pace on your daily walks, not eating as much of their favorite food as they used to, or simply sleeping through the day rather than running around, there are many different day-to-day changes that your pets will experience throughout their golden years - some more obvious than others.

This is why it is essential that, as a pet owner, you are familiar with the different changes and signs that come with aging pets so that you can seek out proper remedies to improve their overall quality of life and even slow down the aging process. Here are just a few things to be on the lookout for when it comes to your pets health and happiness as they enter their senior years:

DIET

1 Loss Of Appetite: A gradual decrease in appetite is not uncommon in older pets. One way to ensure that they are getting their proper nutrition and vitamin intake is to warm up their food. This will increase the smell and taste, making the food more appealing.

2 Lack Of Nutrients: Because nutrition is so important for senior pets, it is important that they are consuming high-quality food products specifically for older pets, such as CatSure or DogSure, which include a healthy helping of vitamins and minerals, as well as nutritional supplements that will help to maintain their weight.

3 Weak, Decaying Teeth: If you notice that your pet is having difficulty eating or chewing, it may be a sign that their teeth and gums are in pain. Practicing a regular brushing and cleaning routine will ensure that your pets eating habits will not suffer in their senior years.

4 Dehydration: Many older pets often forget to drink water or have problems getting to their water bowl, therefore their hydration levels go down. Be sure that you set out your pets water bowl in easy-to-reach locations, and ensure that they always have fresh, clean water.

EXERCISE

5 Decreased Movement: One of the first signs of an aging pet is decreased movement and activity. If your dog seems less energetic on walks or your cat no longer jumps at their toys like usual, it is time to get them into a regular routine of exercise.

6 Unwanted Exercise: While your pet may seem content sleeping all day and skipping regular physical activities, exercise can greatly improve the quality of life and slow the progression of aging for pets. It's very important that you keep up regular exercise routines even if it's just 10 minutes a day of playing or walking.

7 Tires Quickly: As your pet ages, it is important to pay attention to their behavior during exercise. If they become exhausted quickly, out of breath or dehydrated, you should stop the activity right away and tend to their needs. Also, be sure to start out slow and work up to your pets level, that way you do not overtax them.

8 Changing Up Routine: As your pet gets older, they will begin to change up their preference of exercise and activity to ensure that they are keeping themselves healthy and safe. For instance, they may not want to head outdoors when the temperature is too warm, or they may stop fetching their ball if they are too tired. Be sure to pay attention to their needs.

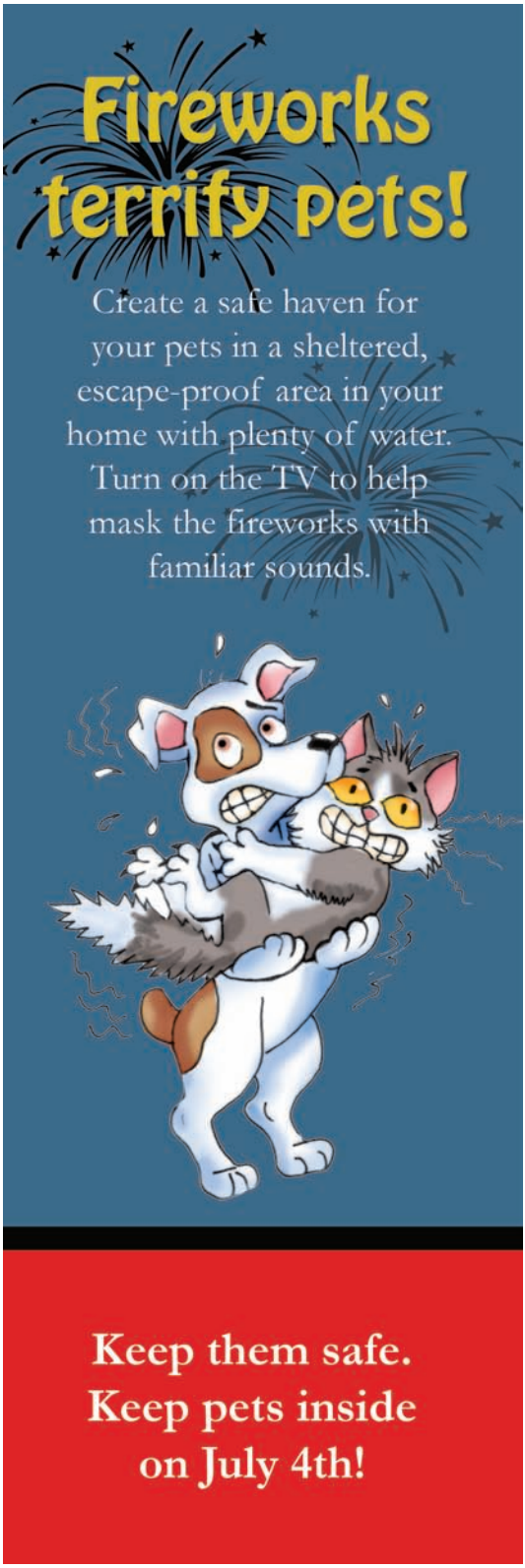
HEALTH

9 Stiffening Joints: One of the most common signs of increasing age in pets is the stiffening of their joints and the onset of arthritis. These problems may cause your pet to have difficulty sitting up from a lying position and performing well during exercise and physical activities. If you notice that the pain is effecting their day-to-day lifestyle, be sure to ask your vet about helpful exercises and medications.

10 Susceptibility To Disease: Just as older humans have an increased risk of certain health problems and diseases, so do animals. Some common problems which typically affect older pets include diabetes, cancer, kidney disease, liver disease, heart disease, etc. Be sure that you are scheduling regular vet checkups for your pet once they enter their senior years in order to avoid such problems.

11 Flea Problems: While your pet may have never had problems with pests in their younger years, that doesn't mean that they will be immune as they get older. In fact, flea control becomes increasingly important as your pet gets older. Be sure to practice regular grooming and bathing in order to keep these pests at bay.

12 Weak Coat: Your animals fur coat is their strongest defense against attacks from outside environmental factors, including pests, the cold weather, fleas and ticks, wetness, etc. However, if their coat isn't strong, they may easily fall victim to these types of problems. Be sure to invest in a high-quality supplement, such as MirraCoat, that will keep your furry friend's coat strong and healthy each and every season.



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13 Vision and Hearing Problems: A decline in vision and hearing is one of those problems that effects all seniors - pets and humans alike. Be sure that you are accommodating these changes as best as you can by speaking up louder when talking to your animal and refraining from moving around the furniture in your home.

BEHAVIOR

14 Need For A Friend: For many older pets, a younger animal around the house is just what they need to put the spunk back in their step. If you are welcome to the idea, consider bringing a younger companion into your house for your animal to play with.

15 Changes In Normal Routine: An aging pet can bring about a variety of behavioral changes, including confusion, disorientation, sensitivity to noise, lack of attentiveness, and more. Give your pet extra care and attention to help curb these changes and make them more comfortable in their senior years.

16 Easily Irritated: Grumpy, irritable seniors is not a stereotype specifically for people. Pets also can become easily irritated as they age. If your pet is not tolerating activities such as kids grabbing and playing with them, or lots of people around, be sure that they have a quiet place in the house to retreat to.

Darlene Frudakis is the owner of PetAg.com, a leading provider of nutritional products and food for pets.

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What award would your dog win?

MOST POPULAR BREED

VOTED

MIXED BREED (22.8%)

RUNNERS UP

- Labrador Retriever (8.6%)
- Yorkshire Terrier (3.7%)
- Golden Retriever (3.9%)
- Shih Tzu (2.7%)

MOST POPULAR NAME

VOTED

"BELLA" (636)

RUNNERS UP

- LUCY (419)
- BAILEY (397)
- MAX (391)
- BUDDY (341)

MOST ORIGINAL NAME

VOTED

"ALLY MCBEAGLE"
BEAGLE, CALIFORNIA

MOST FUN-LOVING

VOTED

"PING PONG"
FRENCH BULLDOG, CALIFORNIA

"GAME ON!"

BIGGEST CELEBRITY

VOTED

"AL POOCHINO"
POODLE, CALIFORNIA

"SAY HELLO TO MY LITTLE FRIEND!"

MOST BIRTHDAYS

VOTED

"LILLY BELL"
YORKSHIRE TERRIER, 22 YEARS OLD

"I'M STILL YOUNG AT HEART"

RUNNERS UP
(TIE FOR 2ND & 3RD PLACE)

- "TAZ" WELSH CORGI-PEMBROKE, NEW JERSEY — 21 YEARS OLD
- "MUFFY" LHASA APSO, CALIFORNIA — 21 YEARS OLD

BEST ACTION HERO

VOTED

"RAMBO"
BEAGLE, FLORIDA

"EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY."

Source: Pets Best Insurance Enrollment Data, April 2012

Join us in helping our four-legged friends find loving homes. Adopt a dog today!

Boston Terrier Rescue Group of Greater Houston

www.houstonbostonrescue.org

Boston Terrier Rescue of Greater Houston is a well established group that has been rescuing Boston Terriers for over 12 years. Started as a one person operation in early 2000, the group has grown to a solid base of volunteers across the country who work together to get abandoned, abused and neglected dogs into their forever homes. Boston Terrier Rescue takes in the old, injured, sick - the dogs that society has many times discarded. All rescues are given immediate veterinary care, including vaccinations, heartworm test, and spay/neuter. If the dog requires extraordinary care, most commonly heartworm treatment, Boston Terrier Rescue Group addresses those needs immediately.

Our cover dog, Paprika!

Photos by Paw Prints by Jamie

Paprika is a sweet and loving little girl who loves to play, play, play! She enjoys her chew toys, running around the yard and especially likes to be held. Due to the fact that she is very fast, she would need a very secure play area. Paprika jumps very well and may benefit from agility training.

While she is good with cats, Paprika does like to chase them, so a home with cats would be on a case-by-case basis.

To learn more about Paprika, or to complete an adoption application, visit www.BostonTerriers.Petfinder.com.

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